No. 15-1293

Title:	Michelle K. Lee, Director, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Petitioner v. Simon Shiao Tam
Docketed:	April 20, 2016
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Lower Ct:	United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
Case Nos.:	(14-1203)
Decision Date:	December 22, 2015

Questions Presented

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Mar 9 2016	Application (15A925) to extend the time to file a petition for a writ of certiorari from March 21, 2016 to April 20, 2016, submitted to The Chief Justice.
Mar 10 2016	Application (15A925) granted by The Chief Justice extending the time to file until April 20, 2016.
Apr 20 2016	Petition for a writ of certiorari filed. (Response due May 20, 2016)
May 10 2016	Order extending time to file response to petition to and including June 20, 2016.
Jun 20 2016	Brief amicus curiae of Pro-Football, inc.
Jun 20 2016	Brief of respondent Simon Shiao Tam filed.
Jul 6 2016	DISTRIBUTED for Conference of September 26, 2016.
Jul 12 2016	Reply of petitioner Michelle K. Lee, Director, United States Patent and Trademark Office filed. (Distributed)
Sep 29 2016	Petition GRANTED.
Sep 30 2016	Consent to the filing of amicus curiae briefs, in support of either party or of neither party, received from counsel for respondent.
Nov 9 2016	Joint appendix filed.
Nov 9 2016	Brief of petitioner Michelle K. Lee, Director, United States Patent and Trademark Office filed.
Nov 14 2016	Consent to the filing of amicus curiae briefs in support of either party or of neither party received from counsel for the petitioner.
Nov 15 2016	Brief amici curiae of Amanda Blackhorse, et al. filed.
Nov 16 2016	Brief amicus curiae of the American Bar Association, in support of neither party filed.
Nov 16 2016	Brief amici curiae of Native American Organizations filed.
Nov 16 2016	Brief amici curiae of Law Professors filed.
Nov 16 2016	Brief amici curiae of Asian Americans Advancing Justice, et al., in support of neither party filed.
Nov 16 2016	Brief amici curiae of Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality, et al. filed.
Nov 18 2016	Brief amicus curiae of American Intellectual Property Law Association, in support of neither party filed.
Nov 19 2016	Brief amicus curiae of Public Citizen, Inc., in support of neither party filed.
Nov 21 2016	Brief amici curiae of Certain Members of Congress, in support of neither party filed.
Nov 21 2016	Brief amicus curiae of Public Knowledge, in support of neither party filed.

Nov 21 2016	Brief amicus curiae of New York Intellectual Property Law Association, in support of neither party filed.
Dec 5 2016	SET FOR ARGUMENT on Wednesday, January 18, 2017.
Dec 7 2016	Record requested from the U.S.C.A. Federal Circuit.
Dec 7 2016	Brief amicus curiae of American Center for Law and Justice filed.
Dec 9 2016	Brief of respondent Simon Shiao Tam filed. (Distributed)
Dec 13 2016	CIRCULATED.
Dec 13 2016	Brief amicus curiae of Pacific Legal Foundation filed. (Distributed)
Dec 14 2016	Record received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is electronic along with instructions for access. Part of this record is located on PACER.
Dec 14 2016	Brief amici curiae of Constitutional Law Professors filed. (Distributed)
Dec 15 2016	Brief amici curiae of Professors Edward Lee and Jake Linford filed. (Distributed)
Dec 16 2016	Brief amicus curiae of Alliance Defending Freedom filed. (Distributed)
Dec 16 2016	Brief amicus curiae of Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America filed. (Distributed)
Dec 16 2016	Brief amicus curiae of Pro-Football, Inc. filed. (Distributed)
Dec 16 2016	Brief amicus curiae of Justice and Freedom Fund filed. (Distributed)
Dec 16 2016	Brief amicus curiae of San Francisco Dykes on Bikes Women's Motorcycle Contingent, Inc. filed. (Distributed)
Dec 16 2016	Brief amici curiae of The Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression, et al. filed. (Distributed)
Dec 16 2016	Brief amicus curiae of The American Jewish Committee filed. (Distributed)
Dec 16 2016	Brief amici curiae of Rutherford Institute and Consumer's Research filed. (Distributed)
Dec 16 2016	Brief amici curiae of American Civil Liberties Union, et al. filed. (Distributed)
Dec 16 2016	Brief amicus curiae of International Trademark Association filed. (Distributed)
Dec 16 2016	Brief amici curiae of Cato Institute, et al. filed. (Distributed)
Dec 16 2016	Brief amicus curiae of Becket Fund for Religious Liberty filed. (Distributed)
Dec 16 2016	Brief amicus curiae of Professor Hugh C. Hansen filed. (Distributed)
Dec 16 2016	Brief amici curiae of Law Professors Gregory Dolin, et al. filed. (Distributed)
Dec 16 2016	Brief amicus curiae of Erik Brunetti filed. (Distributed)
Dec 16 2016	Brief amicus curiae of First Amendment Lawyers Association filed. (Distributed)
Jan 9 2017	Reply of petitioner Michelle K. Lee, Director, United States Patent and Trademark Office filed. (Distributed)
Jan 18 2017 Jun 19 2017	Argued. For petitioner: Malcolm L. Stewart, Deputy Solicitor General, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. For respondents: John C. Connell, Haddonfield, N. J. Adjudged to be AFFIRMED. Alito, J., announced the judgment of the Court and delivered the opinion of the Court with respect to Parts I, II, and III-A, in which Roberts, C. J., and Kennedy, Ginsburg, Breyer, Sotomayor, and Kagan, JJ., joined, and in which Thomas, J., joined except for Part II, and an opinion with respect to Parts III-B, III-C, and IV, in which Roberts, C. J., and Thomas and Breyer, JJ., joined. Kennedy, J., filed an opinion concurring in part and concurring in the judgment, in which Ginsburg, Sotomayor, and Kagan, JJ., joined. Thomas, J., filed an opinion concurring in part and concurring in the judgment. Gorsuch, J., took no part in the consideration or decision of the case.

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